

Governor Sparks has issued a proclamation naming Tuesday April 3d Arbor day.

Attorney F. R. McNamee came up from Delamar Monday on business. He returned Wednesday.

District Attorney Chas. Lee Horsey, went to Caliente, Wednesday to attend to legal business, connected with his office.

Court is set for April 3rd, cases without a jury for April 10, and the jury is called for April 17.

Marriage licenses were issued out of the County Clerk office Monday for the marriage of Mr. William A. Lindstrom and Miss Viola Webber both of Searchlight.

Now that the new School Superintendent has been appointed as soon as he can get his school books in shape all school teachers will get their money.

Read the Stockholders Meeting in another Column of the Stockholders of the Hillside Copper Mining Company, which is to take place in Pioche on Tuesday, the third day of April.

Wm. Mathews and family who have had charge of the restaurant north of the I. O. O. F. building for the past three months, after having sold out to Williams & Wilkinson, left for their home in Panama, Sunday.

The public school at Spring Valley closed last Friday after one of the most successful term, under the direction of Miss McClain. The young lady came to Pioche, Friday, to take in the Band Concert and will depart for her home in the east some time next week.

Mrs. Ella Denton, sister-in-law of J. A. Denton, of Caliente was in town during the week visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Denton will leave in a few days for Waterloo, Nebraska, for a visit of two months after which she will return and make her future home in Caliente.

Joe Hunter, who was brought up from Caliente last week by the Constable and Dr. Murry, and was tried before County Clerk Goodrich for insanity; being placed in jail to await further developments, is no better and will no doubt have to be sent to the asylum.

Mr. Wm. Harrison, was a passenger on Monday's stage for Caliente where he will take the south bound train and land in Los Angeles, after a few days visit will proceed to Texas, where his son and daughter reside with his mother. He expects to return in a few months.

The members of the I. O. O. F. lodge will give a grand ball on the 26th of April. That date is the anniversary of the lodge and as the best dances of the seasons have been given by that organization it will be looked forward to. Every thing that will help to make the affair will be more than pleased.

The mud the past week has been simply fierce. Sunday and Monday our streets were almost impassable. The stages were all several hours behind time. The Caliente stage was on several occasions 10 and 11 hours making the trip from Caliente to Pioche with a change of horses at Panama. The many freight teams that have been hauling timbers from Modena for the Nevada-Utah M. & S. Corporation and returning with ore from Bristol have all pulled off until the roads dry up.

BAND CONCERT AND BALL.

THE TIME OF ALL PAST TIMES.

The Concert and Ball given by the Pioche Brass Band, on March 16th, was a pronounced success socially and financially. In spite of the inclemency of the weather Thompsons Hall was well filled, and the audience demonstrated enthusiastic appreciation of the entire program.

The Band numbers, as well as the specialties, including Cornet Duet by Chas. Thompson and Alex. Lloyd; Clarinet Duet by Chas. Osborne and Frank Callaway; and Baritone and Trombone Duet by Al Carman and Roy Orr, were executed in a most pleasing manner. The musical part of the program was concluded by a comic song entitled "Oh What A Difference In The Morning," by Mr. J. B. Wheeler, who was heartily applauded, and for encore gave "Duckfoot Sue." One of the entertaining features of the program was the Recitation, "The Octroon" by Miss Maud Goodlander who gave an excellent interpretation of that pathetic story.

A very marked improvement of the Band in the past few months, under the efficient direction of Conductor J. B. Wheeler is observed; and members and leader deserve great credit for the efficiency attained through their diligent efforts. The Concert was the first opportunity given the public of knowing the real merit of this worthy organization, of which Pioche should feel justly proud.

The Concert was concluded with a very pleasing comedy farce "Freezing A Mother-in-law."

J. B. Wheeler, handled the leading role, Mr. Watnuff, a hen-pecked husband, in a most satisfactory manner, causing much laughter by his docile and submissive manner.

The part of Mrs. Watnuff, his strong minded and crafty wife was ably interpreted by Mrs. C. A. Thompson who portrayed the character of this ruling spirit of the Watnuff family with all that decisive and dictating spirit called for in the part.

The part of Ferdinand Swift, an adventurous fortune hunter, and nephew of the Watnuffs; was easily taken care of by W. S. McRae.

Wm. Orr, as the pesistant lover brought out all of the strength of the role in a clear and diplomatic manner.

Miss Maud Goodlander, as Emily Watnuff carried the part in a charming manner.

The farce, throughout was handled in excellent style, each character, having a good understanding of the part. The lines generally were spoken clearly and loud enough that none of the plot was lost to those in the rear end of the room. A hearty laugh was created by Mr. Wheeler and McRae during the freezing process, by introducing some extemporaneous dialogue. The farce contained just enough plot to be interesting in that way, besides giving ample phrases of embarrassing and ridiculous positions to keep up the fun.

Last but not least was the Ball which was the biggest success in that line given in Pioche for some years. The floor was exceptionally good; the music excellent, and the order of dances was up to date, all of which went to make the patrons have a most enjoyable time.

The great improvement in the music for the occasion, was readily observed, the first numbers of which were played by the entire band. The new Brass Band Orchestra deserves special mention for their proficiency and should be encouraged in their efforts. Mr. McGee's excellent work with the drums lends material strength and harmony to the organization.

Woo Tom served the dancers with an excellent supper; After which the dancers tripped the light fantastic until 5:30 the next morning.

Born—On Wednesday, March 21st, to the wife of James Cleine, a son.

C. L. HORSEY APPOINTED

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners called for Monday, March 19th with J. A. Nesbitt and Geo. C. Baldwin, members present, and County Clerk Goodrich, for the purpose of appointing a District Attorney Ex-office School Superintendent, a vacancy being caused by the death of Ben Sanders, the name of Chas. L. Horsey was brought before the Board and also a petition of J. W. Hopkins of Las Vegas, signed by the residents of that town, after discussion a motion was made by Baldwin and seconded by Nesbitt—and Horsey was appointed District Attorney and Ex-office School Superintendent. His bond was placed at \$1000 and he immediately qualified and entered upon the duties of the office. Mr. Horsey will fill the office he was appointed to with credit to himself and the County.

OUR NEXT U. S. SENATOR.

Attorney-General Jas. G. Sweeney, as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee has issued a call for the committee to meet in Carson on the 21st inst. At this meeting the plans for the approaching campaign will be fully discussed, and it is understood that an aggressive program will be formulated. A large number of ambitious politicians who have recently risen to sudden wealth through successful mining operations have their eyes on the United States Senatorship, and it is probable that considerable money will be expended this fall in securing friendly "hold-overs" in the State Senate. It looks as if the good old times, when the Sharons, the Fairs and some others thought nothing of spending a half million for the honor of representing the Sagebrush State in the "Greatest Club in the World." The storm center just now is in Tonopah but it may be shifted to Bullfrog—if the ledges "go down."—Miner.

TEN-FOOT HOLE

In answer to an inquiry as to what constitutes a legal ten-foot hole for assessment work, it may be stated that on this point the law is very clear.

The impression that a ten-foot hole put down at any point is, as a matter of fact, wrong. The theory of the government in giving its mineral domain to locators of mining claims is to develop its mineral resources. In exchange and as a reward for the work of opening mineral land the government will give title, after the performance of \$500 worth of work, if the applicant can show that mineral has been exposed.

The government requires that the assessments hole shall be sunk on a vein and that ore must be exposed and in place. On this point the law is very explicit. A ten-foot hole sunk in soft ground not showing the vein, in order to save expense, is not legal, and it is open to adverse.

This is a case that has been passed upon so often as not to leave any doubt in the minds of the locators, but it is a matter of wonder that they should adopt any other course.

Sinking an assessment hole indiscriminately in the county rock does not constitute a valid location.

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The Pioche Dramatic Company gave a hard time dance Thursday evening. Miss Goodlander and Mr. John Deck were awarded the prizes for being the best hard time make up;—the former prize being a watch chain and the latter a box of cigars.

E. P. Gordon, departed this morning with two men and a load of supplies for the rich strike recently made by Whipple and sold to A. W. Scott & Company. Mr. Gordon intends to do considerable developing work on one of his claims near that strike and is the first one to establish a "camp" in that district.

MEXICAN MINING LAW.

It would seem as if the mining laws of the United States were enacted for the purpose of getting men into trouble who are in any way interested in the mining industry. That instead of protecting the individual who complies with them they open the way for endless litigation. That the man who makes a mining location and who fills all of the requirements of the law must defend his rights instead of the government defending them for him, and that a man has no right and title under the law, which he has fully complied with that any individual, any black-mailer and any sharper will recognize or respect. In fact, it would seem that the laws pertaining to mining, in the United States, are a jumble of meaningless phrases, traps for the unwary, inducement for unscrupulous acts and an impediment in the way of legitimate and successful mining.

In the matter of its mining laws the United States might well copy the code of Mexico, or of Canada. In the former country the man who wishes to engage in mining obtains a permit from the proper officials, and when he selects the grounds he desires to operate he notifies the judge. The ground is surveyed, the regulation fees are paid, and as long as the man pays the annual tax the ground is his. He is protected in his rights and no man can take it away from him and no one can give him trouble because of a claim of possessing extra-lateral rights, as vertical lines govern and all that is within the boundary lines of his claim or group of claims is his. If a claimowner has trouble with a jumper he appeals to the judge and the jumper is immediately arrested and jailed. If any adjudication arises the matter is adjudicated at once by a commission of three, one selected by each of the contestants and one by the judge.

American citizens, who are engaged in mining operations in the lands of the Montezumas, speak most favorably of the simplicity, the justice and the protection afforded by the mining laws of Mexico; of the encouragement and inducements given and extended to foreigners to engage in mining in Mexico, and of the speedy arraignment and punishment of those who violate the laws in the least degree; the prosecution being carried on by the government upon complaint of those harassed by any who may infringe upon their rights. Were such laws as those in force in Mexico applied to the United States, litigation in mining affairs would almost entirely cease. The occupation of the claim jumper would be gone; the fakir would have to leave the country, and there would be no more clouding of titles by irresponsible parties whose only object is blackmail.

At Clifton and Morenci, Arizona, The Mining Review is informed, those engaged in mining have adopted, by mutual agreement, the Mexican law as far as it extends to extra-lateral rights, and as a result there is but little mining litigation in these two camps.

It does seem as if some changes should soon be made in the ridiculous and unjust mining laws of the United States. They are as senseless as they are a menace to mining industry, and should be repealed and the laws of a more "unenlightened" country adopted to supercede them.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

Miss Maggie Mathews, was among those who attended the Band Concert from Panama, last Friday.

Miss Grace Gentry, who has been visiting with Miss Lizzie Goodrich for the past three weeks, returned to her home in Panama, Wednesday.

James Lemoine, Public Administrator, was up from Caliente Monday, attending to the estate of Ben. Sanders and others matters.

The "lion" has finally let the "lamb" in Pioche. The 21st of this month the first day of that dear old Spring reminds one of a pleasant summer day. Forget the mud.

Just think a mile: neck like a giraffe, what a long time it would take him to find out if the "far-keep" had "switched bottles on him."

Dr. Stubbs has sent forth the edict that smoking must stop on the university campus and from now on every student caught puffing wreaths of smoke from his pipe or cigarette while on the university grounds will be dealt with severely.

NOTICE

Stockholders Meeting of the Hillside Copper Mining Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of THE HILLSIDE COPPER MINING COMPANY will be held at the principal office of the Company, in the Town of Pioche, State of Nevada on Tuesday the Third day of April, A. D. 1906, at Ten o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the unexpired term of the year, and until their successors are elected or appointed, and also for the purpose of authorizing said board of trustees to reorganize said Company, or take such other course as may be necessary to put the Company on a sound financial basis.

The transfer books will be closed on March 23d and opened again on April 10th, 1906.

L. R. BITTMANN, Asst. Secretary.

NOTICE: TO SHOW CAUSE WHY DISTRIBUTION SHOULD NOT BE MADE.

In the Fourth Judicial District Court, of the State of Nevada, in and for Lincoln County.

In the Matter of the Estate of C. W. Elliott, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that H. R. Elliott has filed in this Court a petition for the distribution of the Estate of C. W. Elliott, deceased, and the hearing of which has been fixed by the Clerk of said Court, for Saturday, the 17th day of March, 1906, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, in the Town of Pioche, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada, and any and all persons interested in said Estate are notified that and there to appear and show cause, if any there be, why this said petition should not be granted and said estate distributed to the heirs at law of said deceased.

EUGENE GOODRICH, Clerk.

F. R. McNamee, Attorney for Administrator.

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NOTICE: OF TIME APPOINTED FOR PROVING WILL.

In The Fourth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Lincoln.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Simmons, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Grace Simmons has filed in the above named Court a petition praying for the probate of the last Will and testament of George Simmons, deceased, and that Saturday the 10th day of March 1906, at ten o'clock A. M. of that day at the Court room in the town of Pioche, has been set for the hearing of said petition, for proving said Will and for hearing the application of said Grace Simmons for the issuance thereon to her of letters testamentary at which time and place any person interested may appear and show cause why said petition should not be granted and said Will admitted to probate.

EUGENE GOODRICH, Clerk of said Court.

T. J. Osborne, Attorney for Petitioner.

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NOTICE.

In the Fourth District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Lincoln.

In the Matter of the Estate of William S. Godbe, Deceased.

T. J. Osborne, the Administrator of the estate of William S. Godbe, deceased, having filed in this Court his final account of such administration, with a petition for a final distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons entitled:

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday the 20th day of March A. D. 1906, at ten o'clock A. M. of that day, at the District Court room at the town of Pioche, has been set for the hearing of said petition and the settling of said account, at which time all persons interested in the estate of said William S. Godbe, deceased are hereby notified to be present and appear before said Court, then and there to show cause why said account should not be settled and allowed, and why an order of distribution should not be made of the residue of said estate among the heirs of said deceased, according to law.

EUGENE GOODRICH, Clerk of said District Court.

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